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PATENT APPLICATION

Atty Docket No. 15966-557 CIP (Cura-57 CIP)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : Jeffers *et al.*
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/609,543 EXAMINER : Christine Saoud
FILING DATE : July 3, 2000 ART UNIT : 1647
FOR : NOVEL FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

Response to Restriction (1 page);
Petition for a One Month Extension of Time (1 page);
Check #11635 for \$55.00; and
Return Postcard.

This response to the December 7, 2001, Restriction Requirement is due on or before February 7, 2002, with a one month extension. A check for \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the petition fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1). No additional fee is believed due at this time. Should any fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 15966-557 CIP (CURA-57 CIP). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Notice of Restriction Requirement mailed December 7, 2001 ("Restriction Requirement") in the above-identified application. This response is due on or before February 7, 2002, with a one month extension of time. Applicants elect Group I, Claims 1-5, 41 and 46, drawn to a polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350, for example. Applicants make all elections without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in later applications. This election is being made without traverse.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any questions or issues arise concerning the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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